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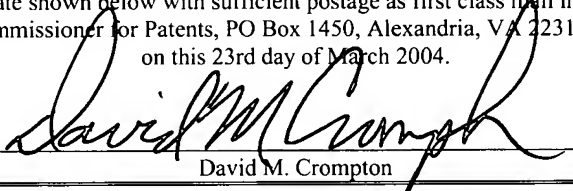
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Serial No.: 10/750,586 Examiner: Unknown  
Filing Date: December 29, 2003 Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Docket No.: 1001.1714101 Customer No.: 28075

For: CATHETER INCORPORATING AN IMPROVED POLYMER SHAFT  
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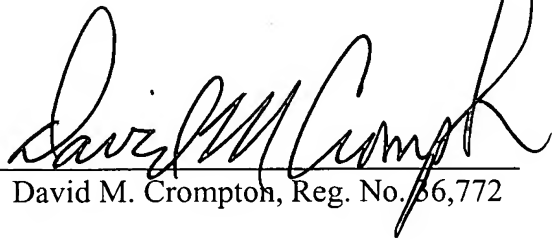
[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established.

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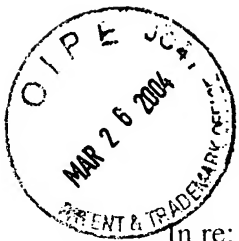
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Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 are hereby disclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each non-U.S. patent/publication document or other information listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is provided.

No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin R. Willard et al.

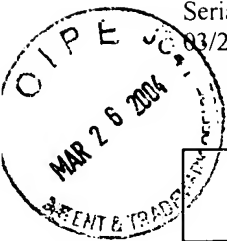
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